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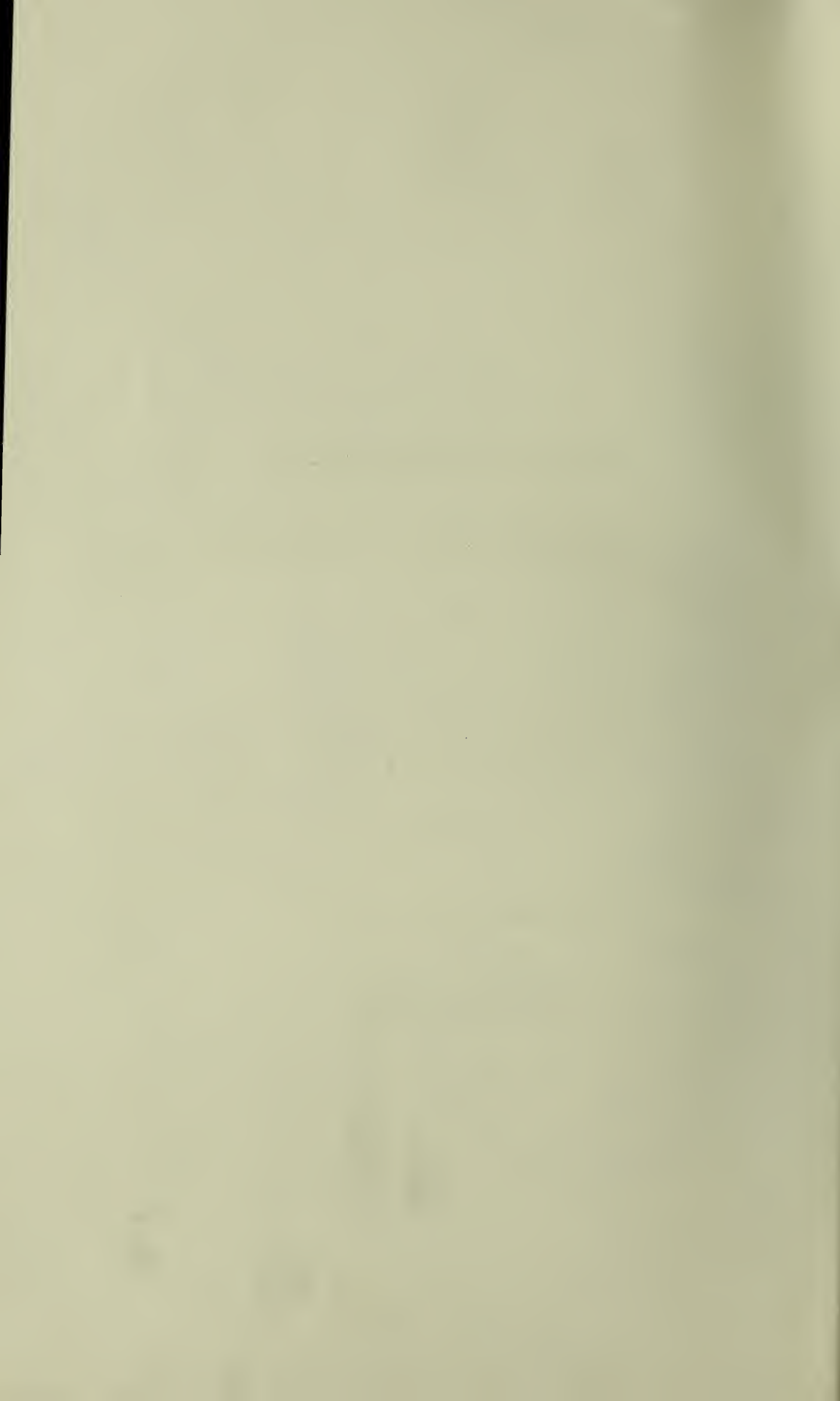


A N N U A L R E P O R T
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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1954.



HADLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
(West Suffolk)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1954.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Hadleigh Urban District for the year 1954.

The Vital Statistics again are satisfactory and compare favourably with those for England and Wales. Notable among the causes of death is the unusually high proportion of females dying as a result of heart disease.

No epidemics of any of the notifiable diseases were reported and only one death was due to these diseases.

A considerable amount of the Public Health Committee's time was given to reports on the condition of, and repair work necessary in, the town's several slaughterhouses, to enable butchers to do their own killing,

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their encouragement during the year and to thank Mr. H.R. Woolvett, Clerk to the Council, and Mr. A.S. Garman, Surveyor and Senior Sanitary Inspector, for their valued assistance,

I have the honour to be,
Ladies & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

G.P. BARCLAY,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

Figures in parenthesis refer to previous year.

1. General Statistics

Population (1951 Census)	3089	Area 4,317 acres
Population Registrar General's Estimate 1954	3160	(3135)
Rateable Value £14720	at 31.3.55	
Number of inhabited houses	1081	(1090)
Sum represented by a penny rate £56. 3. 8.		for financial year ended 31.3.1955.

2. Extracts of Vital Statistics for the Year.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated.
Legitimate	51 (45)	29 (21)	22 (24)	Population (Crude 17.1 (14.35)
Illegitimate	4 (4)	3 (4)	1 (-)	" (adjusted) 18.6 (15.93)
				" England & Wales 15.2 (15.5).
Total	55 (49)	32 (25)	23 (24)	

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	Total	Male	Female	Still Birth Rate per 1000 total births 18.
Legitimate	1	-	1	Still Birth Rate in England & Wales 2.4 (0.35).
Illegitimate	-	-	-	Illegitimate birth rate 8.1% (1.07%)

These figures are based on the estimate of Registrar General and not on the 1951 Census.

<u>DEATHS</u> , registered in 1954	Death Rate (crude) 11.2 (11.80), " (adjusted 9.9 (9.68), " " in England & Wales 11.3 (11.4).
Total, all causes	
41 (37) 18 (18) Male 23 (19) Female.	

Number of women dying in or in consequence of pregnancy, child-birth or abortion.

- (a) Sepsis Nil
(b) Other causes Nil

	Total	Male	Female
Deaths of infants under one year	2 (1)	- (1)	2 (-)

Deaths, Classified according to causes	Total	Male	Female
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	9 (7)	5 (2)	4 (5)
Measles	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Whooping Cough	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Diarrhoea, Gastritis, Enteritis	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
Heart Disease	15 (10)	4 (6)	11 (4)
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Bronchitis	- (5)	- (3)	- (2)
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	7 (3)	4 (2)	3 (1)
Pneumonia	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Nephritis	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
Accidents (Not Motor Vehicle)	- (-)	- (2)	- (-)
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	2 (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
Other and ill-defined diseases	<u>7 (10)</u>	<u>3 (3)</u>	<u>4 (7)</u>
Total - all causes	<u>41 (37)</u>	<u>18 (20)</u>	<u>23 (17)</u>

SECTION B

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases - Cases Notified

	<u>Number Notified</u>			<u>Deaths</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>		
Erysipelas	-	- (-)	- (-)		
Whooping Cough	1 (38)	- (21)	1 (17)	Nil	(Nil)
Infective Hepatitis	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	-	"
Measles	1 (142)	1 (72)	2 (70)	"	"
Scarlet Fever	8 (50)	3 (24)	5 (26)	"	"
Poliomyelitis	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	"	"

FOOD POISONING No action has been called for under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936. 1 case of food poisoning was reported during the year.

SECTION C

1. Public Health Staff

Medical Officer (Part-time) G.P. Barclay, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
One Sanitary Inspector (Part-time) A.S. Garman, M.U. Mun. E.,
C.R.S.I.

2. Nursing in the Home.

The West Suffolk County Council's Home nursing and mid-wifery service supply two District Nurses.

3. Infant Welfare Centres.

The West Suffolk County Council provide one centre in the town, held at 2.30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays in the month at the Congregational Church Hall, Market Place. The attendance is good.

4. Health Visiting.

The West Suffolk County Council supply Hadleigh and District with a Health Visitor (part-time).

SECTION D.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47 - Removal of suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No cases arose during the year calling for action in accordance with this section of the Act.

SECTION E.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply Eight further connections to the water mains were made during the year for 5 private houses and 19 Council houses. The total number of houses now connected is 917 in addition to other properties. One short water main extension was carried out. Fourteen samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination, 4 of which were from a public supply and were very satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage Particulars of new drainage to the sewers are given under the heading of work done. Seven further connections to the sewers were made during the year making the total number of houses now connected 892 in addition to other properties.

Scavenging The arrangement for the collection and disposal of house and trade refuse is the same as last year, the refuse being collected and taken to a satisfactory tip outside the town by a Contractor. Collections are made once per week in the town, or built-up area, and once a fortnight outside the town area.

SECTION F.

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

By Private Enterprise	4
By Council	18
No. of houses owned by the Council	
at the end of the year	207
Prefabricated temporary houses	10
Number of Council-houses in	
course of construction	19.

SECTION G.

Milk & Dairies Orders One supplementary licence renewed for the sale of pasteurised milk and one licence issued for sterilised milk.

Food & Drugs Act, 1938, Section 14.

There were no new registrations, the total number of registrations remaining at 19.

SECTION H.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector)

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. in Register.</u>	<u>Inspection.</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	<u>23</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>25</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>

2. Cases in which defects were found

Nil.

3. Outwork

Nature of Work

No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110(1) (c).

Making Wearing apparel

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SECTION J.

Particulars of Inspections and other work carried out by the Sanitary Inspector for the year ended 31st. December, 1954.

Visits of Inspection	347
Factories (including Bakehouses)	6
Inspections under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	29
Visits of Inspection to Slaughter-houses	40
Informal Notices served on owners and others	5
Informal Notices complied with	2
New Connections to the sewers (for nine houses)	7
New W.C.'s connected to the sewers	10
Existing W.C.'s connected to the sewers	1
New Baths connected to the sewers	6
Existing baths connected to the sewers	1
New Sinks connected to the sewers	8
Existing Sinks connected to the sewers	1
New Wash Basins connected to the sewers	6
Existing Wash Basins connected to the sewers	1
Number of cesspools filled in	1
Number of pail closets discontinued	3
Repairs to Cottages (general)	11
Samples of Water taken for analysis (Public Supply)	4
Samples of Water taken for analysis (Private Supplies)	10
Nuisances abated	4

Section J continued.

Food condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

326 lbs of English Pork
28 lbs of Fish
2 dozen Shell fish
10 lbs of Cheese,

G.P. BARCLAY,

Medical Officer of Health,

